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### Field Crops

For the week ending September 3, cotton bolls opening has occurred on 60 percent of the acreage, eleven percentage points higher than last year but five percentage points lower than the five year average. Cotton harvest is continuing in the Yuma area. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain mostly very poor to poor.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped seeded and seedless watermelons.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	5	34	49	12
Cotton	0	1	47	43	9
Range and Pasture	41	26	19	11	3

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	60	38	49	65

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending September 3. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Paloma to 6 degrees above normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 114 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon and

Flagstaff at 40 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 14 of the 22 reporting stations. Payson received the most precipitation at 1.54 inches. Prescott received the lowest precipitation at 0.02 inches. There are 6 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**August 28 - September 3, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	83	4	105	63	0.49	4.63	-2.05
Buckeye	88	-2	107	67	0.35	2.14	-2.44
Canyon De Chelly	72	2	91	50	0.03	6.32	0.14
Coolidge	85	1	105	60	0.95	4.98	0.01
Douglas	77	3	94	57	0.09	7.01	-2.12
Flagstaff	61	0	79	40	0.55	11.40	-3.65
Grand Canyon	62	6	84	40	0.12	8.00	-5.92
Kingman	84	6	99	63	0.00	3.12	-3.56
Marana	85	2	103	66	0.31	9.42	1.83
Maricopa	87	1	107	65	0.00	3.98	-0.63
Paloma	87	-3	107	67	0.00	2.30	-2.20
Parker	90	3	112	66	0.00	1.15	-1.61
Payson	73	3	91	54	1.54	8.69	-5.70
Phoenix	94	5	108	74	0.45	4.60	0.02
Prescott	72	5	90	53	0.02	6.15	-7.46
Roll	91	1	114	63	0.00	1.22	-0.70
Safford	80	2	96	58	0.00	6.28	0.33
St. Johns	73	4	91	53	0.48	5.51	-2.17
Tucson	86	3	100	69	0.00	9.34	1.63
Willcox	80	6	96	61	0.07	7.47	-1.10
Winslow	74	2	94	53	0.05	1.99	-3.10
Yuma	92	3	112	67	0.00	0.51	-1.26

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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